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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A process for producing sporangia of *Bacillus popilliae* containing spores and parasporal bodies, comprising the step of:

by culturing *Bacillus popilliae* in a liquid medium containing an adsorbent and 0.1-0.7% by weight of proline.

2. (Original) A process for producing sporangia of *Bacillus popilliae* according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of proline to total amino acids contained in the liquid medium is within the range of 10 to 65% by weight.

3. (Original) A process for producing sporangia of *Bacillus popilliae* according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of adsorbent contained in the liquid medium is 0.05-5% by weight.

4. (Original) A process for producing sporangia of *Bacillus popilliae* according to claim 1, wherein the liquid medium additionally contains pyruvic acid.

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5. (Original) A process for producing sporangia of *Bacillus popilliae* according to claim 4, wherein the ratio of pyruvic acid in the liquid medium is within the range of 0.01 to 0.5% by weight.

6. (Original) A process for producing sporangia of *Bacillus popilliae* according to claim 1, 3 or 4, wherein the microorganism belonging to *Bacillus popilliae* is *Bacillus popilliae Semadara*, *Bacillus popilliae var. popilliae Mame*, *Bacillus popilliae var. popilliae Hime* or *Bacillus popilliae var. popilliae Sakura*.